

Department of Personnel & Training, 'Post Based Roster' have been introduced in place of "Vacancy Based Rosters" in respect of services i.e. Class I, II, III and IV under the Ministry of Commerce.

**Import of Milk**

†1567. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milk is being imported in the country from the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantity of milk imported during the last three years, togetherwith the country-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Import of milk and milk powder, as classified under Exim code headings 04.01, 04.02 and 04.03, has been free since 1995 except products classified under Exim code Nos. 04021003, 04021009 and 04022100. During the year 1999-2000, there was a surge in the import of this commodity due to fall in international prices of Skimmed Milk Powder.

(c) Data showing the quantity of milk imported and the country-wise details during the last three years is as shown in the statement on the reverse:

**STATEMENT**

Countries	Import of Milk 1997-98	Qty. in Tons	
		1998-99	1999-2000(P)
1. Denmark	11	15	90
2. New Zealand	16	—	510
3. Singapore	172	86	207
4. Belgium	410	42	1840
5. Australia	16	457	491
6. Canada	—	384	250

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Countries	Import of Milk 1997-98	Qty. in Tons	
		1998-99	1999-2000(P)
7. UAE	—	384	1
8. UK	5	—	1046
9. Netherland	8	12	1005
10. German F. Rep.	—	—	3168
11. Others	108	431	9145
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>17753</b>

P — Provisional

Data for 1999-2000 includes both milk and cream.

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

#### Backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs

1568. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee recommended to fill the backlog of vacancies reserved for the SCs/STs in the year 1993;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the results achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) the number of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs which remained unfilled as on 1st January, 1993 in Class I, II, III and IV under the Ministry of Commerce & its autonomous/statutory/attached offices and action taken to fill these vacancies; and

(e) the backlog of vacancies as on 29th August, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.